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SUPPLEMENT

The following organizational plan has been established for the Central Administration for Foreign and Interzonal Trade (Zentralverwaltung für Ausen- und Interzonenhandel):

- Administrative Section
- Planning and statistics section, to be directed by Dr. Moldenhauer, fmu (SED), formerly with the Central Administration for Commerce and Supply
- Export section, to be directed by Dr. Unger, fmu (no party), formerly with the Central Administration for Commerce and Supply
- Import section, to be directed by Ehler, fmu (SED), former director of the division for interzonal trade in the Central Administration for Industry
- Trade policy section, to be directed by Dr. Goldmann, fmu, a member of the SED and with the Reich Ministry of Economy until 1933
- Section for trade missions in foreign countries and the zones
- Control section
- Transport section, to be directed by Julius Henschel (SED), former director of the transport department of the Central Administration for Commerce and Supply

Josef Orlopp has been appointed president of the ZVAI, which has been assigned a sum of 500,000 RM by the SMA for the year of 1947. Makower, fmu, will be first vice-president.

Comment: Josef Orlopp was born in 1888 in Essen, where he was first employed as a metal worker, later becoming the owner of a dairy store. He then attended a trade union school and entered politics, and has remained a member of the left wing of the SPD for some forty years. He was made chief of the Department of Trade in the first Magistrat by the Russians in 1945, and served for a time as second deputy mayor. After the October election he became vice-president of the Central Administration of Commerce and Supply. Orlopp is said by one source to have no sound knowledge of economic and administrative matters.

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